



June 19, 2002

The Honorable Richard B. Cheney
President of the Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed is a copy of our draft bill entitled the "United States Patent and Trademark Office Reauthorization Act, Fiscal Year 2003" together a sectional analysis and a statement of purpose and need. The proposal complements Patent and Trademark Office's (USPTO) 21st Century Strategic Plan announced June 3 in realigning fees so they better reflect the needs of customers and better correlate to the cost of providing various services. This proposal would generate the levels of patent and trademark fee income reflected in the Administration's budget proposal for Fiscal Year 2003 even though the USPTO has received fewer patent and trademark application filings than the estimates on which the 2003 budget was based and has, as a result, experienced a corresponding reduction in fee income.

We have been advised by the Office of Management and Budget that the submission of this legislative proposal to the Congress is in accord with the Administration's program.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

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